# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:288
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2000
PRICES OF EDIBLE OIL
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there has been a steep hike in the prices of edible oils in the country during the last three years and till date;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the percentage of actual increase in prices of various edible oils during the said period, separately;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check price rise and blackmarketing of edible oils;

(d) whether the Government had imported the edible oils to normalise the situation; and

(e) if so, the impact of the said import on the prices of edible oils?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( SHRI SHANTA KUMAR )

(a),(b),(c),(d) & (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c),(d) & (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 288 FOR ANSWER IN TH LOK SABHA ON 08-12-2000.

(a) & (b) : No, Sir. the prices of major edible oils during the last three years are mentioned below:-

(Prices in Rs./Qtl.)

| Type of oils | Price as on 30.11.97 | Price as on 30.11.00 | % Variation over 30.11.00 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mustard | 3049 | 2900 | -4.89 |
| Groundnut | 3377 | 3200 | -5.24 |
| Soyabean | 2710 | 2400 | -11.44 |
| Sunflower | 3900 | 2880 | -26.15 |
| RBD Palmolein | 2840 | 2120 | -25.35 |
| Vanaspati (15 Ltr. Tin) | 525 | 425 | -19.05 |

(c) : Some of the steps taken by the Government to check price rise and blackmarketing of edible oils are:-

(i) Import of edible oils on OGL has been allowed.

(ii) Actual user condition has been stipulated so as to prevent the possibility of diversion of imported oils.

(iii) The Central Issue Price of oils supplied through PDS was revised downward w.e.f. 24th April, 2000. This also helped in checking the price rise.

(iv) The State Governments/UT Administrations have been addressed to maintain vigil on the prices and availability of oils and to ensure that there is no diversion of oils.

(d) : Yes, Sir.

(e) : The import has helped in improving the availability of edible oils and maintaining the prices at a reasonable level.